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**RSC Policy Brief:  
RSC Members' Health Care Initiatives in the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress**

Increasingly, American families and businesses have come to learn that the President's health care law's onslaught of taxes and unworkable mandates is resulting in less affordable health care, diminished access to high-quality health care, unsustainable debt, and weakened economic growth.

Long before President Obama signed it into law, Republicans warned that this law was the wrong approach to health care reform. Members of the House Republican Study Committee have not only fought to repeal the President's health care law, they have pushed to replace it with patient-centered health care solutions promoting accessibility, affordability, choice, innovation and portability.

The following bills are examples put forward as RSC Solutions and as individual RSC Member Initiatives in the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress.<sup>1</sup> **Chairman Scalise especially encourages each Member of the RSC to cosponsor H.R. 567, the *State Health Flexibility Act*, and H.R. 3121, the *American Health Care Reform Act*.**

For more information on RSC Solutions, please contact Brett Horton, RSC Policy Director, at 5-3015 or [brett.horton@mail.house.gov](mailto:brett.horton@mail.house.gov). For all other legislation, please contact the sponsoring office.

**RSC Solutions<sup>2</sup>**

**Rep. Todd Rokita (R-IN) – [H.R. 567](#) – *State Health Flexibility Act of 2013*** –Allows states to design programs around the needs of their own citizens by block granting Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance program (CHIP) federal funding to the states. The bill also includes provisions to repeal Obamacare and federal requirement provisions for Medicaid and CHIP. Further background and analysis can be found [here](#). This bill was also offered as an [RSC initiative](#) in the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress as [H.R. 4160](#).

***Current Cosponsors (49):*** Rep. Amodei (NV-2), Rep. Bentivolio (MI-11), Rep. Bishop (UT-1), Rep. Black (TN-6), Rep. Blackburn (TN-7), Rep. Broun (GA-10), Rep. Bucshon (IN-8), Rep. Chabot (OH-1), Rep. Chaffetz (UT-3), Rep. Cotton (AR-4), Rep. Culberson (TX-7), Rep. Duncan (SC-3), Rep. Fleming (LA-4), Rep. Flores (TX-17), Rep. Franks (AZ-8), Rep. Garrett (NJ-5), Rep. Gohmert (TX-1), Rep. Graves (GA-14), Rep. Harper (MS-3), Rep. Hartzler (MO-4), Rep. Hensarling (R-TX-5), Rep. Holding (NC-13), Rep. Huelskamp (KS-1), Rep. Huizenga (MI-2), Rep. Jordan (OH-4), Rep. LaMalfa (CA-1), Rep. Lamborn (CO-5), Rep. Lummis (WY), Rep. Marchant (R-TX-

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<sup>1</sup> Proposals from the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress may be found [here](#).

<sup>2</sup> RSC Solutions have been introduced specifically by the Republican Study Committee and have been approved as RSC Solutions by the Steering Committee.

24), Rep. McClintock (CA-4), Rep. McHenry (NC-10), Rep. Meadows (NC-11), Rep. Messer (IN-6), Rep. Mulvaney (SC-5), Rep. Palazzo (MS-4), Rep. Pearce (NM-2), Rep. Pittenger (NC-9), Rep. Poe (TX-2), Rep. Radel (FL-19), Rep. Ribble (WI-8), Rep. Roe (TN-1), Rep. Ross (FL-15), Rep. Scalise (LA-1), Rep. Schweikert (AZ-6), Rep. Scott (GA-8), Rep. Stewart (UT-2), Rep. Stutzman (IN-3), Rep. Walberg (MI-7), Rep. Westmoreland (GA-3)

**Rep. Phil Roe (R-TN) – [H.R. 3121](#) – *American Health Care Reform Act of 2013*** – Repeals Obamacare and replaces it with a pragmatic, practical, and portable free-market alternative to the current health care system. Further information and analysis can be found [here](#). Specifically, H.R. 3121 includes provisions that:

- Allow Americans to purchase health insurance across state lines and allows small businesses to pool together as Association Health Plans (AHPs) to leverage lower cost health insurance.
- Reform medical malpractice laws by limiting trial lawyer fees and non-economic damages, while maintaining strong protections for patients.
- Allow families and individuals to deduct health care costs with a standard deduction for health insurance (SDHI) of \$7,500 for individuals and \$20,000 for families.
- Expand access to Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) by increasing the amount of pre-tax dollars individuals can deposit into portable savings accounts to be used for health care expenses.
- Bolster state-based high risk pools, providing \$25 billion of federal support over 10 years. Extends HIAA guaranteed availability protections.
- Guarantee that individuals with pre-existing conditions can move between large group, small group, and individual health insurance markets, as long as they maintain continuous coverage. Repeal the requirement that individuals exhaust COBRA coverage before receive protections.

**Current Cosponsors (61):** Rep Scalise (LA-1), Rep Price (GA-6), Rep Fleming (LA 4), Rep Gosar (AZ-4), Rep Blackburn (TN-7), Rep Ellmers (NC-2), Rep Rokita (IN-4), Rep Bachmann (MN-6), Rep Barton (TX-6), Rep Bentivolio (MI-11), Rep Black (TN-6), Rep Boustany (LA-3), Rep Brooks (AL-5), Rep Bucshon (IN-8), Rep Cole (OK-4), Rep Collins (NY-27), Rep Cotton (AR-4), Rep Cramer (ND), Rep Culberson (TX-7), Rep DesJarlais (TN-4), Rep Duffy (WI-7), Rep Flores (TX-17), Rep Fortenberry (NE-1), Rep Foxx (NC-5), Rep Gibbs (OH-7), Rep Gingrey (GA-11), Rep Guthrie (KY-2), Rep Harris (MD-1), Rep Hartzler (MO-4), Rep Hunter (CA-50), Rep Jordan (OH-4), Rep Kingston (GA-1), Rep LaMalfa (CA-1), Rep Marino (PA-10), Rep Lamborn (CO-5), Rep Lummis (WY), Rep Luetkemeyer (MO-3), Rep McCaul (TX-10), Rep McClintock (CA-4), Rep McKinley (WV-1), Rep Meadows (NC-11), Rep Mulvaney (SC-5), Rep Nunnelee (MS-1), Rep Olson (TX-22), Rep Palazzo (MS-4), Rep Pearce (NM-2), Rep Perry (PA-4), Rep Pittenger (NC-9), Rep Price (GA-6), Rep Ross (FL-15) Rep Rothfus (PA-12) Rep Salmon (AZ-5), Rep Simpson (ID-2), Rep Stewart (UT-2), Rep Stockman (TX-36), Rep Stutzman (IN-3), Rep Walberg (MI-7), Rep Weber (TX-14), Rep Wenstrup (OH-2), Rep Williams (TX-25), Rep Yoder (KS-3)

**\*\*Boldface indicates drafting committee**

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### **RSC Member Individual Health Care Initiatives**

***The following is provided for informational purposes only and is not exhaustive. Inclusion in this document does not necessarily denote endorsement by the Republican Study Committee.***

The following acronyms are referred to and utilized throughout this document:

- **HHS** – Department of Health and Human Services
- **CMS** – Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- **HSA** – Health Savings Account

**Rep. Paul Broun (R-GA) – [H.R. 23](#) – *Sanctity of Human Life Act*** – Declares that the right to life, as guaranteed by the Constitution, vests every human life, beginning at fertilization, cloning, or other functional equivalent, with the fundamental legal protections and privileges of personhood.

**Rep. Michele Bachmann (R-MN) – [H.R. 42](#) – *Military Health Care Affordability Act*** – Prohibits increases in certain health care fees for members of the Armed Forces, retirees, and their dependents. The bill also expresses the sense of Congress that the “Department of Veterans Affairs have the tools and ingenuity to provide continued excellent health care without increasing TRICARE payment from the veteran before fiscal year 2014.”

**Rep. Michele Bachmann (R-MN) – [H.R. 45](#)** – Repeals Obamacare in its entirety. The House passed H.R. 45 by a vote of [229-195](#). The vote marked the third full repeal measure passed by the House after it passed [H.R. 2](#) by a vote of [245-189](#) and [H.R. 6079](#) by a vote of [244-185](#) in the 112th Congress. For further background and analysis see the Legislative Bulletin for H.R. 45 [here](#).

**Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) – [H.R. 61](#) – *Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act*** – Prohibits the federal government from administering family planning assistance to any provider that performs abortions or funds another entity that performs abortions, except when the abortion is in the case of rape, incest or high risk of death to the mother.

**Rep. Steve King (R-IA) - [H.R. 132](#) – *ObamaCare Repeal Act*** – Repeals Obamacare and restores provisions of law amended by such Acts.

**Rep. Michele Bachmann (R-MN) – [H.R. 162](#) – *Medicaid Integrity Act of 2013*** – Conditions federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) payments for Medicaid managed care programs on a contract with an independent auditor to conduct biannual financial and performance-compliance audits of managed care entities. A similar bill was offered in the [112<sup>th</sup> Congress](#).

**Rep. Michael Grimm (R-NY) – [H.R. 183](#) – *Veterans Dog Training Therapy Act*** – Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to administer a pilot program for evaluating the effectiveness of addressing mental health and post-traumatic stress disorder symptoms through service dog training and handling for veterans with disabilities.

**Rep. Diane Black (R-TN) – [H.R. 217](#) – *Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act*** – Prohibits the federal government from administering family planning assistance to any provider that performs abortions or funds another entity that performs abortions, except when the abortion is in the case of rape, incest or high risk of death by the mother.

**Rep. Gregg Harper (R-MS) – [H.R. 232](#)** – Amends Medicare to allow direct payment under Medicare part B to a pharmacy for certain covered compound drugs prepared by the pharmacy for a specific beneficiary for the use of an implanted infusion pump.

**Rep. Dennis Ross (R-FL) – [H.R. 241](#) – *Veterans Timely Access to Health Care Act*** – Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) to guarantee that the standard for access for a veteran seeking hospital care or medical services from the VA is 30 days from the date of contact.

**Rep. Joe Pitts (R-PA) – [H.R. 297](#) – *Children's Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act of 2013*** – Reauthorizes federal funding for pediatric graduate medical residency education programs, such as the Children's Hospital Graduate Medical Education Program, for five years. For further background and analysis see the Legislative Bulletin for H.R. 297 [here](#). The House passed H.R. 297 on February 4, 2013 by a [352 -50](#) vote.

**Rep. Alan Nunnelee (R-MS) – [H.R. 346](#) – *SAFE (Stop Abortion Funding in Multi-State Exchange Plans) Act*** – Amends Obamacare to ensure that no multi-state qualified health plan offered in a health benefit exchange provides coverage of abortion, except in cases of rape or incest or high risk of death to the mother.

**Rep. Phil Roe (R-TN) – [H.R. 351](#) – *Protecting Seniors' Access to Medicare Act of 2013*** – Repeals sections of Obamacare and restores provisions of law amended by such sections relating to the establishment of the Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB). The Independent Payment Advisory Board was set to become operational on April 30<sup>th</sup> of this year, but since the chief Medicare Actuary [determined](#) that the projected 5-year Medicare per capita growth rate did not exceed the target Medicare per capita growth rate, IPAB will not be called into action to make recommendations for implementation year 2015. Last Congress, the House passed [H.R. 5](#), which contained an IPAB repeal provision, by a vote of [223-181](#).

**Rep. Dan Benishek (R-MI) – [H.R. 369](#) – *Reducing Barriers to Veterans' Benefits Act*** – Presumes a service connection for the purposes of veteran's benefits for diagnosed hearing loss and/or tinnitus for veterans who were previously assigned to a military specialty where exposure to acoustic trauma was likely and sufficient enough to result in permanent hearing loss or tinnitus. Such a presumption likewise would apply to veterans who served in combat against a hostile force during a period of hostilities.

**Rep. Richard Nugent (R-FL) – [H.R. 401](#) – *Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Act of 2013*** – Expands and reauthorizes assistance under the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004. More specifically the bill authorizes the Attorney General to award grants toward veteran treatment programs and inmate mental health and substance abuse treatment programs.

**Rep. Trent Franks (R-AZ) – [H.R. 447](#) – *Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act (PRENDA) of 2013*** – Imposes criminal penalties on anyone who: knowingly attempts to perform an abortion based on the sex, color, or race of the child or parent; uses or threatens force for the purpose of coercing a sex or race selective abortion; solicits or accepts funds for such an abortion; or transports a woman into the U.S. or across state lines for the purposes of obtaining such an abortion. The bill likewise authorizes civil actions by fathers or maternal grandparents if the mother of the unborn child under the conditions of violation is a minor and by the women upon whom an abortion has been performed or attempted under a use or threat of force. The House failed to pass a similar bill last Congress under suspension (requiring 2/3 threshold) by a vote of [246-168](#).

**Rep. David McKinley (R-WV) – [H.R. 460](#) – *Patients’ Access to Treatment Act of 2013*** - Limits co-payment, coinsurance, or other cost-sharing requirements applicable to prescription drugs in a specialty drug tier to the dollar amount of such requirements applicable to prescription drugs in a nonpreferred brand drug tier. Under present arrangements, patients must often pay a percentage of the treatments for specialty drugs, including those used to treat multiple sclerosis and some forms of cancer, as opposed to fixed rates for non-specialty drugs. This bill aims to balance the treatment of specialty and non-specialty drugs to increase patient access to such therapies.

**Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA) – [H.R. 487](#) – *Primary Care Workforce Access Improvement Act of 2013*** – Directs HHS to conduct a Medicare pilot project to test models for providing payment for direct graduate medical education (GME) and indirect medical education (IME) to medical education entities (MEEs), for the costs of training primary care residents.

**Rep. Erik Paulsen (R-MN) – [H.R. 523](#) – *Protect Medical Innovation Act of 2013*** – Repeals the excise tax on medical device manufacturers and importers imposed by Obamacare. Last Congress, the House passed [H.R. 436](#), which included a similar provision, by a vote of [270-146](#).

**Rep. Phil Gingrey (R-GA) – [H.R. 544](#) – *Letting Insurance Benefit Everyone Regardless of Their Youth (LIBERTY) Act*** – Seeks to prevent an increase in young people’s health care premiums due to the community rating provision of Obamacare. The bill amends the permissible ratio of premium rate variation in the individual or small group market from “3 to 1” for adults to “5 to 1” for adults, or such other ratio as the state involved may provide.

**Rep. Michael Turner (R-OH) – [H.R. 582](#) – *Healthcare Tax Relief and Mandate Repeal Act*** – Terminates the requirements imposed by Obamacare that individuals maintain minimum essential coverage (individual mandate) and that certain employers provide health insurance coverage (employer mandate).

**Rep. Michael Burgess (R-TX) – [H.R. 594](#) – *Paul D. Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research and Education Amendments*** – Amends the Muscular Dystrophy Research program of the National Institutes of Health , requires research to include cardiac and pulmonary function research, and requires research centers to share data. The bill also revises the Muscular Dystrophy Coordinating Committee (MDCC) to include the Social Security Administration and the United States Administration for Community living and requires that the MDCC meet at least two times a year to provide for studies on clinical care inventions and economic cost-effectiveness of patient support. Lastly, the bill requires the MDCC to develop a plan to expedite the evaluation and approval of emerging therapies that have the potential to decrease disease progression across various forms of muscular dystrophy.

**Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-TX) – [H.R. 607](#)** – Delays the effective date of any provisions of Obamacare scheduled to take effect in 2014 or 2015 to January 1, 2016. The bill also delays execution of the sequester until FY2014.

**Rep. Stevan Pearce (R-NM) – [H.R. 635](#) – *HEALTHY Vets Act of 2013*** – Requires the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide for instances where VA facilities are geographically inaccessible by contracting for the provision of primary care, acute/chronic symptom management, nontherapeutic medical services and other services determined appropriate by the director of the VA service region in consultation with VA physicians.

**Rep. Michael Burgess (R-TX) – [H.R. 642](#) – *Health and Human Services Hiree Clarification*** – Clarifies that provisions under the Public Health Service Act, which authorize the appointment of special consultants and the fellowship of individual scientists, do not authorize the appointment or employment of special consultants or fellows by an agency outside the HHS.

**Rep. Randy Hultgren (R-IL) – [H.R. 718](#) – *Abstinence Education Reallocation Act*** – Authorizes the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to award grants for sexual risk avoidance education to youth and their parents.

**Rep. Mike Rogers (R-AL) – [H.R. 741](#) – *Chiropractic Health Parity for Military Beneficiaries Act*** – Directs the Secretary of Defense to complete development of a plan to provide chiropractic health care benefits as part of the TRICARE program no later than August 31 2013, with plan implementation no later than January 31, 2014.

**Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) – [H.R. 762](#) – *Health Care Choices Act of 2013*** – Repeals Title I provisions of Obamacare, relating to health insurance and health coverage expansion requirements. The bill allows for greater competition and choice by allowing consumers to purchase insurance across state lines.

**Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA) – [H.R. 779](#) – *Access to Insurance for All Americans Act*** – Repeals Obamacare and directs the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to administer a health insurance program for non-federal employees with provisions similar to those governing the federal employee health insurance program.



**Rep. Sam Johnson (R-TX) – [H.R. 781](#) – *Medicare Identity Theft Prevention Act of 2013*** – Directs the HHS to protect seniors from identity theft by ensuring their Social Security account number or any other number similarly derived from the Social Security number is not labeled on their Medicare card. A similar [bill](#) passed the House in the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress by a voice vote.

**Rep. Tom Price (R-GA) – [H.R. 805](#) – *Quality Improvement Organization Program Restoration Act*** – Repeals Section 261 of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Extension Act of 2011 (relating to contracts with Medicare Quality Improvement Organizations). It also amends the Social Security Act with respect to quality improvement funding.

**Rep. Larry Bucshon (R-IN) – [H.R. 809](#) – *Field EMS Quality, Innovation, and Cost Effectiveness Improvements Act of 2013*** – Designates the HHS as the primary federal agency for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and trauma care and establishes the Office of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma within HHS. The bill requires the office to implement a national EMS strategy and establishes the EQUIP grant program to promote excellence, quality, access, innovation, and preparation in field EMS. It also establishes the SPIA grant program to improve EMS system performance.

**Rep. Pete Olson (R-TX) – [H.R. 846](#) – *Diagnostic Imaging Services Access Protection Act*** – Prevents CMS from reducing the reimbursement rate through the multiple procedure payment reduction policy to radiologists until an analysis of the efficiencies and inefficiencies of multiple procedure cases is provided along with an explanation of how percentage payment reductions were determined and calculated in clinical scenarios.

**Rep. Ralph Hall (R-TX) – [H.R. 855](#) – *Optometric Equity in Medicaid Act*** – Requires coverage of optometric services under Medicaid.

**Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ) – [H.R. 911](#) – *Competitive Health Insurance Reform Act of 2013*** – This bill seeks to expand and ensure competitiveness in the health insurance and dental insurance market by repealing the McCarran-Ferguson Act, which exempted insurance companies from being subject to anti-trust laws and unfair trade laws.

**Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA) – [H.R. 920](#) – *National Health Service Corps Improvement Act of 2013*** – Allows optometrists to be included in the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) and have access to the NHSC Loan Repayment Program, Scholarship program and fellowship program.

**Rep. Diane Black (R-TN) – [H.R. 940](#) – *Health Care Conscience Rights Act*** – Solidifies first amendment conscience protections for individuals and health care entities that refuse to provide, pay for, or refer patients to abortion providers because of deeply-held beliefs. This bill provides for full exemption for those whose beliefs run counter to the HHS health care coverage mandate and codifies the Hyde-Weldon conscience clause. It also allows for the option of judicial recourse for victims whose rights have been violated under this Act, Coats Amendment, or the conscience clauses known as the Church amendments.

**Rep. Tom Price (R-GA) – [H.R. 969](#) – *Medical Practice Freedom Act*** – Prohibits the Secretary of HHS or any state from conditioning the licensing of health care providers on participation in certain health care plans.

**Rep. Ralph Hall (R-TX) – [H.R. 991](#) – *CT Colonography Screening for Colorectal Cancer Act*** – Amends Medicare to provide coverage for screening computed tomography colonography (CTC) as a colorectal cancer screening test and excludes screening CTC from the meaning of “imaging services” for which there is a special rule regarding fee schedule payments.

**Rep. Tom Graves (R-GA) – [H.R. 1005](#) – *Defund Obamacare Act*** – Deauthorizes funding to carry out any provisions of Obamacare and rescinds unobligated balances.

**Rep. Michael Grimm (R-NY) – [H.R. 1007](#) – *Asthma Management Plans in School Act*** – Authorizes grants to schools that are receiving school improvement funds and are located in areas that have a high prevalence of asthma toward the development and implementation of an asthma management plan and the purchase of supplies necessary to relieve and treat affected students.

**Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA) – [H.R. 1024](#) – *Medication Therapy Management Empowerment Act*** – Provides access to services under medication therapy management programs for individuals with a single chronic disease under Medicare Part D. Currently the program only applies to individuals with multiple chronic diseases. The bill conditions the application of this act on the determination by CMS that it will not increase overall costs over the following five year period.

**Rep. Pete Olson (R-TX) – [H.R. 1074](#) – *National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission Act*** – Creates a National Diabetes Clinical Care Commission within HHS to focus on expanding education, prevention, and awareness efforts.

**Rep. Ralph Hall (R-TX) – [H.R. 1076](#)** – Amends Obamacare to allow for pass-through funding for State authorized public entity health benefits pools. The bill requires the Secretary of HHS to provide for an alternative means to calculate and provide an amount based on the aggregate premium tax credits, cost-sharing reductions, and small-business tax credits that would have been provided to an exchange plan. The bill limits the application of this law to pools that would result in cost-savings to the federal government because the cost of coverage through the pool is less than that under an exchange.

**Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH) – [H.R. 1091](#) – *Life at Conception Act*** – Declares that the right to life guaranteed by the Constitution is vested in each human being at the moment of fertilization.

**Rep. Joe Pitts (R-PA) – [H.R. 1099](#)** – Repeals the establishment and the appropriation of funds to Obamacare’s Prevention and Public Health Fund. A similar [bill](#) passed the House last Congress by a vote of [236-183](#).



**Rep. Randy Neugebauer (R-TX) – [H.R. 1122](#) – *PRO-LIFE Act*** – Prohibits federal education funding to state and local educational agencies to go toward school-based health centers that do not certify that they will refuse to provide students with abortions, abortion-related materials or referrals, or directions to abortion services.

**Rep. Dan Benishek (R-MI) – [H.R. 1171](#) – *FOR VETS Act of 2013*** – Authorizes the transfer of federal surplus property (supplies not land) to a state agency for the purposes of education or public health for organizations who substantially serve veterans and whose representatives are recognized by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. For further background and analysis on H.R. 1171, see [here](#). The House passed this bill by a vote of [387-1](#) and it was signed into law as [P.L. 113-26](#).

**Rep. Michael Burgess (R-TX) – [H.R. 1220](#) – *Asthma Inhalers Relief Act of 2013*** – Directs the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to allow the distribution, sale, and consumption of remaining inventories of asthma inhalers that contain chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) through August 1, 2013. Sales of these inhalers have been suspended pursuant to the Clean Air Act and the Montreal Protocol to reduce the use of ozone-depleting substances, such as CFCs. A similar bill failed passage under suspension of the rules requiring a 2/3 threshold by a vote of [229-182](#) in the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress.

**Rep. Bill Cassidy (R-LA) – [H.R. 1239](#) – *Accessing Medicare Therapies Act*** – Encourages drug manufacturers to donate necessary drugs through a pre-existing tax credit used for cash donations to help Medicare Part D beneficiaries. The drugs would be distributed and provided to seniors by non-profit patient assistance programs approved by CMS. Seniors on Medicare Part D who are at 135% to 400% of the federal poverty level would be eligible to receive these drugs.

**Rep. Erik Paulsen (R-MN) – [H.R. 1248](#) – *Family Health Care Flexibility Act*** – Repeals provisions in Obamacare that restrict the use of distributions from HSAs to be utilized toward over-the-counter drugs and imposes a \$2,500 limitation on salary reduction contributions to a health flexible spending arrangement under a cafeteria plan.

**Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA) – [H.R. 1249](#) – *Common Sense Nutrition Disclosure Act of 2013*** – Amends the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act as amended by Obamacare to revise the overly burdensome nutritional information disclosure requirements for restaurants and retail food establishments. The bill permits innovation and flexibility by allowing compliance through online and mobile presentations of information and exempts supermarkets and convenience stores from the requirement.

**Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO) – [H.R. 1250](#) – *Medicare Audit Improvement Act of 2013*** – Reinstates a hard cap on Additional Document Requests (ADRs) on the part of Medicare auditors to two percent of hospital claims with a maximum of 500 ADRs per 45 days. It likewise subjects to administrative and judicial review the Secretary's compliance with guidelines for reopening and revising benefit determinations.

**Rep. John Shimkus (R-IL) – [H.R. 1252](#) – *Physical Therapist Workforce and Patient Access Act of 2013*** – Includes physical therapy within the definition of “primary health services” for the purpose of the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) and makes physical therapists eligible for repayment of their educational loans.

**Rep. Richard Hudson (R-NC) / Rep. Robert Pittenger (R -NC) – [H.R. 1254](#) – *Auto Enroll Repeal Act*** – Repeals provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, which require employers that have more than 200 full-time employees who offer employees enrollment in health plans to automatically enroll new full-time employees in a health plan. The bill requires employers to provide notice of the opportunity to opt-out of such coverage.

**Rep. Tom Price (R-GA) – [H.R. 1309](#) – *Health Information Technology Reform Act*** – Excludes pathologists from Medicare and Medicaid incentive payments and, in particular, penalties relating to the meaningful use of electronic health records.

**Rep. Tom Price (R-GA) – [H.R. 1310](#) – *Medicare Patient Empowerment Act of 2013*** – Allows patients to freely contract for physician services or health care items outside of the current Medicare system and to continue to use their Medicare benefits at the same time.

**Rep. Michael Burgess (R-TX) – [H.R. 1325](#) – *Comprehensive Immunosuppressive Drug Coverage for Kidney Transplant Patients Act of 2013*** – Amends Social Security to extend the months of coverage for immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients. The bill also allows individuals whose insurance benefits under Medicare part A have ended by virtue of undergoing a kidney transplant or ending a course of dialysis to become eligible for the coverage of such drugs under Medicare part B.

**Rep. Michael Burgess (R-TX) - [H.R. 1326](#) – *Health Care Price Transparency Promotion Act*** – Requires state Medicaid plans to establish and maintain laws to require the disclosure of information on hospital charges, to make such information available to the public, and to provide individuals with information about estimated out-of-pocket costs for health care services. The bill also directs the Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality to research and report to Congress on the type of information individuals find useful in making healthcare decisions and how such information varies by the kind of coverage individuals have.

**Rep. Diane Black (R-TN) – [H.R. 1331](#) – *Electronic Health Records Improvement Act*** – Exempts eligible physicians in solo practice, physicians near early retirement, and certain hospital-based eligible professionals from Medicare negative payment adjustment for not demonstrating electronic record (EHR) meaningful use for certain payment years. The bill also establishes a process for eligible professionals to appeal a determination that they did not qualify as a meaningful EHR user.

**Rep. John Fleming (R-LA) – [H.R. 1342](#) – *Helping Save Americans’ Health Care Choices Act of 2013*** – Repeals provision of Obamacare that penalize distributions from HSAs not used for “qualified medical expenses” and allows distributions from HSAs to apply toward over-the-counter drugs. It

likewise repeals the limitation on health flexible spending arrangements under cafeteria plans and allows the treatment of high deductible health plan as a qualified health plan under Obamacare. Restores tax credits for contributions to HSAs and increases the maximum allowable contribution amount to match the limit on deductible and out-of-pocket expenses under an HSA.

**Rep. John Shimkus (R-IL) – [H.R. 1407](#) – *Animal Generic Drug User Fee Amendments of 2013*** – Reauthorizes the Food and Drug Administration to collect and spend user fees to expedite the approval of innovative and generic veterinary drugs. A similar measure [passed](#) the House on June 3, 2013 and became [P.L. 113-14](#) on June 13, 2013.

**Rep. Cory Gardner (R-CO) – [H.R. 1408](#) – *Animal Generic Drug User Fee Amendments of 2013*** – Reauthorizes the Food and Drug Administration to collect and spend user fees to expedite the approval of innovative and generic veterinary drugs. A similar measure [passed](#) the House on June 3, 2013 and became [P.L. 113-14](#) on June 13, 2013. Further background and analysis can be found [here](#).

**Rep. Renee Ellmers (R-NC) – [H.R. 1416](#) – *Cancer Patient Protection Act of 2013*** – Directs the HHS to exempt chemotherapy drugs, and other physician-administered drugs, from the two percent sequester cuts to Medicare provider payments. This includes drugs used to treat cancer, rheumatoid arthritis and osteoporosis.

**Rep. Larry Bucshon (R-IN) – [H.R. 1427](#) – *Truth in Healthcare Marketing Act of 2013*** – Prohibits persons from misrepresenting ones education, training, degree, license or clinical expertise and requires those advertising health care services to disclose the applicable license under which providers are authorized to provide such services. Violations of this act will be deemed an unfair or deceptive act or practice under the Federal Trade Commission Act.

**Rep. Michael Burgess (R-TX) – [H.R. 1428](#) – *Comprehensive Immunosuppressive Drug Coverage for Kidney Transplant Patients Act of 2013*** – Allows those patients who are receiving immunosuppressive drugs to continue coverage under Old Age, Survivors and Disability Benefits past the 36-month cutoff date. The bill also amends Medicare to allow individuals whose insurance benefits under Medicare part A have ended by reason of kidney transplant or end of a regular course of dialysis to enroll in Medicare part B for the purpose of such drug coverage.

**Rep. Matt Salmon (R-AZ) – [H.R. 1440](#) – *Medicaid Expansion Repeal and State Flexibility Act*** – Eliminates increased Federal Medical Assistance Percentages (FMAP) “enhanced dollars” for newly eligible mandatory individuals and related equitable support for states that opt to participate in the program. It also eliminates the maintenance of effort requirement and minimum essential coverage provisions for Medicaid benchmark benefits.

**Rep. Phil Gingrey (R-GA) – [H.R. 1472](#) – *State Flexibility Act*** – Repeals Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) maintenance of effort requirements under Obamacare.

**Rep. Phil Gingrey (R-GA) – [H.R. 1473](#) – *Standard of Care Protection Act of 2013*** – Establishes that the development or implementation of any guideline or standard under any provision of Obamacare, Medicare, or Medicaid shall be construed as determining the standard of care or duty of care owed by a health care provider to a patient in a medical malpractice case.

**Rep. Bill Huizenga (R-MI) – [H.R. 1484](#) – *Medicare Payment Rate Disclosure Act*** – Directs the Secretary of HHS to make two pieces of information publicly available on the official Medicare internet site during a specified initial period: **a.)** payment rates for frequently reimbursed hospital inpatient and outpatient procedures and services, as well as for physicians' services; and **b)** the period for which payment rates are applicable. It requires posting also after the initial period of an expanded selection of such items.

**Rep. Tim Walberg (R-MI) – [H.R. 1517](#) – *Social Security and Medicare Lock-Box Act*** – Safeguards Social Security and Medicare funds by placing surplus receipts in protected accounts that could not be transferred and spent in the general fund or invested in government securities.

**Rep. Joe Pitts (R-PA) – [H.R. 1549](#) – *Helping Sick Americans Now Act*** – Redirects FY2013-FY2016 funding from the Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF) to the temporary federal high risk pool program under Obamacare known as the Pre-existing Condition Insurance Program (PCIP). This transfer would provide funding for the temporary PCIP through December 31, 2013.

**Rep. Bill Huizenga (R-MI) – [H.R. 1552](#) – *Health Freedom for Seniors Act*** – Allows tax-free transfers of required distributions after age 70.5 from an IRA and other tax-exempt retirement accounts to an HSA and exempts such transfers from the excise tax on excess contributions to tax favored accounts and annuities.

**Rep. Chris Collins (R-NY) – [H.R. 1558](#) – *Small Business Health Relief Act of 2013*** – Repeals from the PPACA: the employer mandate provision; annual health insurance provider fees; limitations on the annual salary reduction contribution by an employee to a health flexible spending arrangement under a cafeteria plan; restrictions on payment distributions from HSAs; and community rating provisions. The bill also amends Obamacare to allow a health plan to maintain “grandfathered” status regardless of any modification to the cost-sharing levels, employer contribution rates, or covered benefits; to allow high deductible health plans to meet the essential coverage requirement if the enrollee has established an HSA; and, to allow catastrophic coverage plans to be offered in the individual market to those under 30.

**Rep. David McKinley (R-WV) – [H.R. 1615](#) – *Examining America’s Mental Health Services Act of 2013*** – Requires the Secretary of HHS to enter an agreement with the Institute of Medicine or another appropriate entity to conduct a comprehensive study on the gaps in mental health services and the risk of violent behavior.

**Rep. Michael Burgess (R-TX) – [H.R. 1619](#) – *Making Investments Now for Dementia Act*** – Authorizes the federal government to issue bonds that would fund Alzheimer’s research.

**Rep. Bill Cassidy (R-LA) – [H.R. 1675](#) – *Ensuring Women’s Access to Free-Market Healthcare Act of 2013*** – Allows health plans without a deductible for prenatal, labor and delivery, and postpartum care to still be considered high deductible health care plans with respect to the tax treatment of health savings accounts.

**Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO) – [H.R. 1697](#) – *Mobile Mammography Promotion Act of 2013***– Exempts any highway vehicle designed exclusively to provide mobile mammography services from the motor fuel excise tax.

**Rep. Ted Poe (R- TX) – [H.R. 1701](#) – *Cutting Costly Codes Act of 2013*** – Currently in the U.S. healthcare professionals use ICD-9, which includes 13,000 separate codes to classify diseases and injuries to utilize for financial and administrative transactions. Pursuant to regulations issued in 2009 (74 Federal Register 3328) healthcare professionals will be required in October, 2014, to implement ICD-10, which includes 68,000 codes. This bill would halt implementation of the costly and burdensome ICD-10 codes and requires a short-term study of a more practical replacement standard.

**Rep. Michael Burgess (R-TX) – [H.R. 1705](#) – *Rehabilitative Therapy Parity for Military Beneficiaries Act*** – Provides for certain forms of rehabilitative physical therapy, such as horse, balance board, ball, bolster, and bench exercises, under TRICARE.

**Rep. Tom Price (R-GA) – [H.R. 1717](#) – *Medicare DMEPOS Market Pricing Program Act of 2013*** – Amends Medicare Part B to establish a market pricing program (MPP) for durable medical equipment (DME), prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS) as a replacement for the competitive acquisition program.

**Rep. Gregg Harper (R-MS) – [H.R. 1724](#) – *Kids First Research Act of 2013*** – Eliminates taxpayer financing of presidential campaigns and party conventions and directs these funds toward the expansion of pediatric research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) through the NIH Common Fund.

**Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) – [H.R. 1733](#) – *Good Samaritan Health Professionals Act of 2013*** – Shields health care professionals from liability under federal or state law for harm caused by any act or omission when the professional is serving as a volunteer in response to a disaster in a good faith belief that the individual being treated is in need of health care services.

**Rep. Bill Cassidy (R-LA) – [H.R. 1735](#) – *In It All Together Act*** – Limits the health plans available to the President, the Vice President, and executive cabinet officials to those created under Obamacare or through an Exchange established under Obamacare. This bill would extend current law federal employee health benefit limitations imposed on Congressman and congressional staff under Section 1312 of Obamacare, the subject of recently proposed [OPM rule 3206-AM85](#).

**Rep. Randy Forbes (R-VA) – [H.R. 1740](#) – *Patients First Act of 2013*** –Instructs the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to prioritize adult stem cell research by directing both basic and clinical

research towards what is currently showing near-term benefits in treating patients provided that the research will not involve the creation and/or destruction of a human embryo. A version of this bill was also offered in the [112<sup>th</sup> Congress](#).

**Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-FL) – [H.R. 1791](#) – *Medical Preparedness Allowable Use Act*** – Authorizes the use of Urban Security Initiative and State Homeland Security Grant Program funding toward enhanced medical preparedness, medical surge capacity, and mass prophylaxis capabilities, such as the development and maintenance of pharmaceutical stockpile and diagnostics to protect first responders and immediate victims from a chemical or biological event.

**Rep. Trent Franks (R-AZ) – [H.R. 1797](#) – *Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act***- Prohibits abortion after 20 weeks after fertilization and applies nationwide, except in the cases of pregnancies as a result of rape or incest against a minor or where the life of the mother is seriously endangered. For further background and analysis of H.R. 1797, see [here](#). This bill passed the House by a vote of [228-196](#).

**Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ) – [H.R. 1798](#) – *Dental Insurance Fairness Act of 2013*** – Requires certain health care coverage values for dental benefits (if provided) under self-insured group health plans.

**Rep. Steve Stivers (R-OH) – [H.R. 1838](#) – *Enhanced Access to Medicaid Services Act*** – Amends Medicaid to apply primary care payment rates in 2013 and 2014 for additional physicians with a primary specialty designation of neurology, psychiatry, obstetrics, and gynecology.

**Rep. Bill Cassidy (R-LA) – [H.R. 1853](#) – *Medicaid Accountability and Care Act*** – Amends the state payment structure under the Medicaid program to one based on a federal base payment for each Medicaid beneficiary.

**Rep. Matt Salmon (R-AZ) – [H.R. 1908](#) – *Federal Repeal of Expensive Exchanges Act*** – Repeals provisions of Obamacare providing for the establishment of health insurance premium assistance tax credits and advance credit payments, cost-sharing programs, the individual mandate, and the employer mandate.

**Rep. Bob Latta (R-OH) – [H.R. 1919](#) – *Safeguarding America's Pharmaceuticals Act of 2013*** – Amends the Federal Food, Drug, as Cosmetic Act to manage the integrity and security of the nation's prescription drug supply chain to prevent counterfeit or compromised drugs from entering the supply chain and being administered to patients. The bill creates a national tracking and tracing standard that applies to all entities involved in the pharmaceutical distribution supply chain. Further background and analysis can be found [here](#). The bill passed the House by a [voice vote](#) on June 3, 2013.

**Rep. Buck McKeon (R-CA) – [H.R. 1960](#) – *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014*** – Includes reforms to the TRICARE system, including tying fee increases to retiree cost of living increases. Other significant provisions permit TRICARE beneficiaries to remain in TRICARE Prime



after the Department of Defense (DOD) reduces the availability of Prime to retired beneficiaries. This bill passed the House by a vote of [315-108](#).

**Rep. John Kline (R-MN) – [H.R. 1971](#) –** Directs the Secretary of Defense to ensure that beneficiaries of TRICARE Prime as of September 30, 2013 may make a one-time election to retain enrollment in the program, except in cases where the beneficiary is active-duty or where the beneficiary resides in a location where enrollment is unavailable.

**Rep. Tom Price (R-GA) – [H.R. 1990](#) – *Keep the IRS Off Your Health Care Act of 2013* –** Prohibits the Secretary of the Treasury or any delegate thereof from implementing any provisions of Obamacare. An amended version, H.R. 2009, passed the House by a vote of [232-185](#) on August 2, 2013.

**Rep. Randy Forbes (R-VA) – [H.R. 1993](#) – *Prevent IRS Overreach Act of 2013* –** Prohibits the IRS from hiring new employees (through transfer or otherwise) to enforce Obamacare.

**Rep. Tom Price (R-GA) – [H.R. 2009](#) – *Keep the IRS Off Your Health Care Act 2013* –** Removes government intrusion into the doctor-patient relationship and prohibits the IRS from implementing or enforcing any provision of or amendments made by Obamacare. In lieu of its abuse of power in the political targeting of American citizens and the misuse of taxpayer dollars at lavish conferences, the IRS cannot be trusted with the massive enforcement powers conferred by Obamacare. Further background and analysis of H.R. 2009 can be found [here](#). The bill passed the House by a vote of [232-185](#) on August 2, 2013.

**Rep. Andy Barr (R-KY) – [H.R. 2010](#) – *Live by the Laws You Write Act* –** Amends Obamacare with respect to Section 1312, which limits Members of Congress and congressional staff to health plans created or offered through an Exchange established under such act. This provision was the subject of recently proposed [OPM rule 3206-AM85](#), which attempted to determine what officially constitutes “congressional staff.” This bill goes further by unambiguously applying conditions under Section 1312 to Delegates and Resident Commissioners to Congress, congressional committee staff, and House and Senate leadership office staff.

**Rep. Gregg Harper (R-MS) – [H.R. 2019](#) –** Eliminates taxpayer financing for presidential campaigns and party conventions and redirects savings to provide for a 10-year pediatric research initiative through the Common Fund administered by the National Institutes of Health.

**Rep. Diane Black (R-TN) – [H.R. 2022](#) –** Prohibits the implementation or enforcement of any Obamacare requirement until certifications are made that taxpayer information is not and will not be used for targeting any individual or group that provides information to the Internal Revenue Service for political reasons or on the basis of political views.

**Rep. Sam Johnson (R-TX) – [H.R. 2027](#) – *Expanding Patients' Access to Quality Care Act* –** Removes restrictions imposed by Obamacare on physician owned hospitals (POHs). Today there are approximately 235 physician-owned hospitals across 33 states and CMS ranks amongst the highest

for providing high-quality care. Obamacare, however, established a permanent ban on the expansion or creation of any new POHs after December 30, 2010. Thus, approximately 100 hospitals that were under construction in 2010 were unable to meet the deadline for Medicare certification. Those that were established before the law must fulfill onerous requirements that are not applied to non-POHs in order to expand. Lastly, the bill would allow physicians to come to the aid of financially distressed hospitals.

**Rep. Kevin Brady (R-TX) – [H.R. 2053](#)** – Amends requirements for the non-rural area wage index floor in the formula for the national diagnosis-related group (DRG) prospective payment rate used in calculating Medicare payments for each inpatient hospital discharge in a subsection (d) hospital. The bill directs the Secretary of HHS in the case of discharges occurring on or after October 1, 2013 to apply budget neutrality standards on a state-specific rather than national basis in the calculation of the Medicare hospital wage index floor.

**Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-FL) – [H.R. 2063](#)** – Allows veterans who served during World War II who are otherwise not eligible for enrollment in the Department of Veterans Affairs patient enrollment to become eligible for VA hospital care and medical services.

**Rep. Dan Benishek (R-MI) – [H.R. 2072](#) – *Demanding Accountability for Veterans Act*** – Requires the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs (IG) to make a determination whether the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is making significant progress in implementing the VA's own agreed upon action plan to address public health and patient safety recommendations and to hold administrators accountable for the failure to take action.

**Rep. Kevin Brady (R-TX) – [H.R. 2073](#) - *Pulmonary Hypertension Research and Diagnosis Act of 2013*** - Directs the Secretary of HHS to establish an interagency committee on pulmonary hypertension support expanded research on pulmonary hypertension in an effort to better understand and find a cure, as well as greater educational efforts to increase public awareness of treatments and symptoms of the disease.

**Rep. John Kline (R-MN) – [H.R. 2076](#) – *Servicemember Medical Evaluations Review Act*** – Directs the Secretary of Defense to conduct a review of the backlog of pending cases in the Department of Defense's (DOD) Integrated Disability Evaluation System and to submit a report to the congressional defense committees.

**Rep. Trey Radel (R-FL) – [H.R. 2079](#) – *Expediting Veteran's Benefits Act*** – Extends through 2016 the authority for the Department of Veterans Affairs to contract physicians for the performance of medical disability evaluations.

**Rep. Peter Roskam (R-IL) – [H.R. 2085](#) – *Diagnostic Innovation Testing and Knowledge Advancement Act*** – Incentivizes innovation diagnostic technology by improving the process for determining Medicare payment rates for new tests and procedures.

**Rep. Diane Black (R-TN) – [H.R. 2087](#) – *Protecting Taxpayer Dollars and Identity under Obamacare Act*** – Prohibits the federal government from funding patient navigator programs under Obamacare, which is tasked with enrolling people into health insurance exchanges.

**Rep. Phil Roe (R-TN) – [H.R. 2094](#) – *School Access to Emergency Epinephrine Act*** – Amends Section 280g of the Public Health Service Act by creating an additional preference category for states that apply for federal grant funding under the Children’s Asthma Treatment Grants Program. The bill intends to encourage states to adopt policies that increase access to epinephrine to protect students who are at risk of anaphylactic allergic reactions. Further background and analysis of H.R. 2094 can be found [here](#). The House passed H.R. 2094 by [voice vote](#) on July 30, 2013.

**Rep. Pete Olson (R-TX) – [H.R.2135](#) – *Cardiac Arrest Survival Act*** –Allows individuals to use an automated external defibrillator (AED) device on someone having a cardiac arrest with restricted risk of liability for litigation.

**Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) – [H.R.2143](#) – *USPSTF Transparency and Accountability Act of 2013*** –Amends provisions related to the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF), as amended by section 4003 of Obamacare. Specifically, it would make the formation of the USPSTF discretionary (not mandatory), remove the focus on cost-effectiveness, require greater transparency in the Task Force process, hold the Secretary and Director accountable for Task Force recommendations, and retain the focus on assisting primary care providers.

**Rep. Andy Harris (R-MD) – [H.R. 2164](#) – *Human Cloning Prohibition Act of 2013*** – Prohibits the practice of human cloning and sets forth criminal and civil penalties for violators.

**Rep. Jeff Miller (R-FL) – [H.R. 2189](#)** – Establishes a task force to evaluate the backlog of disability claims at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**Rep. Erik Paulsen (R-MN) – [H.R. 2194](#) – *Family and Retirement Health Investment Act of 2013*** – Repeals Obamacare provisions that limit deductibles for health plans offered in a small group market and treats a high deductible health plan in which an enrollee has established an HSA as a “qualified health plan.” The bill also amends the tax treatment of HSAs to allow:

- spouses who have both attained the age of 55 to make increased contributions to the same HSA;
- Medicare Part A beneficiaries to participate in an HSA; Medicare beneficiaries participating in an Archer medical savings account designated as a Medicare Advantage MSA to contribute to an HSA;
- veterans eligible for disability benefits and individuals eligible for Indian health service assistance to participate in an HSA;
- individuals eligible to receive benefits under TRICARE plans to participate in an HSA;
- participants in flexible spending arrangement or health reimbursement arrangements to contribute to an HSA;

- the use of HSA distributions towards prescription or over-the-counter drugs; the use of HSAs to purchase certain health insurance and long-term care insurance;
- the use of HSAs to pay for expenses incurred before the establishment of an HSA; and individuals who receive primary care services for a fixed periodic fee to participate in an HSA.

**Rep. Tom Price (R-GA) – [H.R. 2300](#) – *Empowering Patients First Act of 2013*** – Fully repeals Obamacare and replaces it with patient-centered solutions to increase access to affordable high-quality health care. A version of this bill was offered in the [112<sup>th</sup> Congress](#). In the [111<sup>th</sup> Congress](#), a version was offered as the Republican Study Committee’s health care reform bill.

**Rep. Tom Reed (R-NY) – [H.R. 2301](#) – *Clinical Trial Cancer Mission 2020 Act*** – Enhances clinical trial registry data bank reporting requirements and enforcement measures to make data more available to researchers and to ensure taxpayer dollars are not being spent on duplicative studies.

**Rep. Tom Reed (R-NY) – [H.R. 2302](#) – *Hospice Evaluation and Legitimate Payment Act of 2013*** – Seeks to preserve reimbursement rates for hospices by requiring the Secretary of HHS to establish a two year, 15-site pilot program on any new reimbursement payment reforms before they are implemented. The bill also gives hospices greater flexibility to meet the face-to-face requirement.

**Rep. Peter Roskam (R-IL) – [H.R. 2305](#) – *PRIME (Preventing and Reducing Improper Medicare and Medicaid Expenditures) Act of 2013*** – Aims to reduce waste, fraud and abuse in Medicare, Medicaid and the State Children’s Health Insurance Program by increasing criminal and civil penalties for fraud; requiring CMS to report the amount of fraud and to assess ways to reduce fraud in the programs; and, incentivizing states to participate in the Medicare-Medicaid Data Match Program to improve fraud detection.

**Rep. Adrian Smith (R-NE) – [H.R. 2329](#) – *Administrative Relief and Accurate Medicare Payments Act*** – Increases the repayment period with respect to Recovery Audit Contractors under Medicare and decreases the look-back period under the Medicare Integrity Program for the audit and recovery activities.

**Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-FL) – [H.R. 2330](#) – *Medicare Audiology Services Enhancement Act*** – Provides for Medicare coverage of comprehensive audiology services in coordination with current billing and reimbursement standards, and consistent with other non-physician services covered by Medicare.

**Rep. Pete Sessions (R-TX) – [H.R. 2344](#) – *TBI Treatment Act*** – Directs the Secretary of Defense to implement a pilot program to investigate treatment of members of the Armed Forces who suffer from traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder.

**Rep. Mark Meadows (R-NC) – [H.R. 2389](#) – *IRS Verification Act*** – Prohibits the expenditure of funds toward the implementation of Obamacare until an audit of the Internal Revenue Service

(IRS) is conducted by the Inspector General for Tax Administration of the Department of the Treasury and submitted to Congress.

**Rep. Bill Cassidy (R-LA) – [H.R. 2415](#) – *Treat and Reduce Obesity Act of 2013***- Allows physicians, registered dietitians, certified diabetes educators, and instructors to provide and be reimbursed for intensive behavioral therapy for obesity outside of the primary care setting as long as such therapy is coordinated with the individual's primary care physician. The bill also authorizes coverage of medication for the treatment of obesity or for weight loss management for an overweight individual under Medicare part D.

**Rep. Luke Messer (R-IN) – [H.R. 2443](#) – *Safeguarding Children Harmed by Obamacare's Onerous Levies Act*** – Exempts elementary and secondary schools, for-profit schools that would otherwise be categorized as an elementary or secondary school if it were nonprofit, any state or local educational agency, and any institution of higher education in the United States from the definition of "applicable large employer" under Obamacare's employer mandate.

**Rep. Keith Rothfus (R-PA) – [H.R. 2453](#) - *Medicare Beneficiary Preservation of Choice Act of 2013* -** This bill seeks to preserve beneficiary choice by restoring and expanding the Medicare Advantage open enrollment and disenrollment opportunities repealed by Obamacare.

**Rep. Erik Paulsen (R-MN) – [H.R. 2524](#) – *Medicare Better Health Rewards Program Act* -** Creates the Medicare Better Health Program, a voluntary program designed to help motivate Medicare beneficiaries to get and stay healthy by providing financial incentives for reaching goals set with their physicians.

**Rep. Todd Young (R-IN) – [H.R. 2575](#) - *Save American Workers (SAW) Act*** – Repeals Obamacare's definition of 30-hours as equaling a full-time workweek and restore the traditional definition of 40-hours. The bill will help restore hours for low- and middle-income works and lower the tax burden on small businesses.

**Rep. Luke Messer (R-IN) – [H.R. 2577](#) – *Small Business Job Protection Act*** – Redefines "applicable large employer" with respect to the employer mandate as an employer with at least 100 full-time employers, instead of 50 as defined by Obamacare.

**Rep. Erik Paulsen (R-MN) – [H.R. 2651](#) – *Critical Care Assessment and Improvement Act*** – The bill establishes, among other things, a coordinating council at the National Institutes of Health to identify gaps in critical care research and strengthen partnerships to expand collaborative research. The bill also authorizes the development of a demonstration program to improve the quality and efficiency of critical care.

**Rep. Tim Griffin (R-AR) – [H.R. 2667](#) – *Authority for Mandate Delay Act*** – Delays the application of the employer mandate, which requires that large employers with 50 or more full-time equivalent employers offer their full-time employees the opportunity to enroll in minimum essential coverage, until 2015. It likewise delays the effective date of related reporting requirements for

such employers. Further background and analysis can be found in the Legislative Bulletin for H.R. 2667 [here](#). The bill passed the House by a [264-161](#) vote on July 17, 2013.

**Rep. Todd Young (R-IN) – [H.R. 2668](#) – *Fairness for American Families Act*** – Delays the application of the individual health insurance mandate, otherwise known as the minimum essential coverage provision of Obamacare. Further background and analysis can be found in the Legislative Bulletin for H.R. 2668 [here](#). The bill passed the House by a [251-174](#) vote on July 17, 2013.

*\*Note: H.R. 2667 and H.R. 2668 were [engrossed together](#) when presented to the Senate.*

**Rep. Tom Graves (R-GA) – [H.R. 2682](#) – *Defund Obamacare Act of 2013*** – Prohibits any federal funds from being used to carry out Obamacare, rescinds any unobligated balances, and eliminates entitlements created by Obamacare.

**Rep. Dennis Ross (R-FL) – [H.R. 2688](#) – *PATIENT's Health Care Act of 2013*** – Allows patients to save more for future and long-term care needs through tax-preferred high deductible Health Savings Plans (\$10,000 a year tax-deductible contribution cap, 20,000 for joint-filers); Allows insurance plans to have interstate portability to foster competition in the insurance market-place; Provides transitional coverage for people with pre-existing conditions until the health insurance market is financially stable enough to absorb them through the amendment and reauthorization of the Preexisting Condition Insurance Plan Program (PCIP) created in Obamacare; and encourages the establishment of lifetime HSAs through expanded choice in Medicare Advantage, allowing beneficiaries to continue utilizing and contributing upon Medicare eligibility.

**Rep. Jeff Miller (R-FL) – [H.R. 2726](#) – *Long-Term Care Veterans Choice Act*** – Authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to enter into a contract with a certified Medical Foster Home to pay for the residential long-term care of service connected veterans who are eligible for VA-paid nursing home care.

**Rep. Diane Black (R-TN) – [H.R. 2753](#) – *Securing Care for Seniors Act*** – Reinstates the 3-month open enrollment and disenrollment period for Medicare Advantage and encourages the use of high-quality providers by allowing varying cost-sharing mechanisms.

**Rep. Steve Stockman (R-TX) – [H.R. 2764](#) – *Sanctity of Life Act of 2013*** – Declares that life begins at conception and that states have a compelling interest in the protection of human life. The bill also strips the court of appellate jurisdiction to address this issue.

**Rep. Diane Black (R-TN) – [H.R. 2775](#) – *No Subsidies Without Verification Act*** – Prohibits the federal government from providing any insurance subsidies until a program to fully verify an applicant's eligibility is put in place. The House passed H.R. 2775 by a [235-291 vote](#). The Legislative Bulletin for H.R. 2775 can be found [here](#).

**Rep. Renee Ellmers (R-NC) – [H.R. 2789](#)** – Require assets verification before Obamacare subsidies roll out, and delay enrollment in the exchanges until these safeguards are in place.



**Rep. Kristi Noem (R-SD) – [H.R. 2801](#) – *Protecting Access to Rural Therapy Services (PARTS) Act* –** Allows general supervision by a physician or non-physician practitioner for Medicare payment for therapeutic services offered in critical access hospitals and small rural hospitals.

**Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) – [H.R. 2809](#) – *To delay the application of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act* –**Delays for one year the application of the provisions of Obamacare scheduled to take effect on or after January 1, 2014. This bill also suspends for one-year tax increases that have or will take effect before January 1, 2014.

**Rep. Michael Burgess (R-TX) – [H.R. 2810](#) – *Medicare Patient Access and Quality Improvement Act* –**Makes significant reforms to Medicare's Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) provider payment system. The bill would repeal the SGR and replace it with a 5-year period of stable payments with annual inflationary baseline adjustments of 0.5%. After 5 years, stable payments would give way to the implementation of an enhanced Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS), which would link payments to provider quality. Providers who meet or exceed specialty-specific benchmarks could receive an update of 1.5% a year. Eligible professional at any time may choose to opt-out and participate in alternative payment models (APMS), including Patient-Centered Medical Homes, specialty models, and bundles or episodes of care. Additionally, the bill contains policy language on Medicare data, care coordination, relative values, and standards of care.

**Rep. Andy Harris (R-MD) – [H.R. 2817](#) – *Protect Patient Access to Quality Health Professionals Act of 2013* –**Amends title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to remove the non-discrimination provision of Obamacare, which prohibits health plans from discriminating against non-physician health care providers in plan participation.

**Rep. Reid Ribble (R-WI) – [H.R. 2820](#) – *Health Equity Act* –** Allows self-employed individuals to fully deduct their health insurance costs, creates a new tax deduction for health insurance costs and creates a new \$1,200 tax deduction for wellness programs such as exercise equipment.

**Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-FL) – [H.R. 2828](#) – *MAP (Medicare Abuse Prevention) Act* –** Strengthens civil and criminal penalties for Medicare, Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) abuse and requires a valid National Prescriber Identification (NPI) number for prescribers on Medicare pharmacy claims. It likewise incentivizes states to conduct their own prescription drug monitoring programs by allowing them to keep a greater percentage of recovered funds.

**Rep. Phil Gingrey (R-GA) – [H.R. 2833](#) – *Safeguarding Care of Patients Everywhere (SCOPE) Act* –** Protects the doctor-patient relationship by reversing a portion Section 1311(h) of Obamacare, which allows HHS to determine whether a doctor is providing "quality health care measures" and how physicians should administer care to patients. The Secretary has power based on that finding to cancel a physician's health insurance provider policy and to seriously threaten a physician's ability to practice medicine. Repealing this provision protects patients' access to their medical providers and ensures that physicians continue treating individuals based on their medical expertise.

**Rep. Lynn Jenkins (R-KS) – [H.R. 2835](#) – *Restoring Access to Medication Act*** – Repeals provisions of Obamacare that disqualify expenses for over-the-counter drugs under health savings accounts and health flexible spending arrangements.

**Rep. Bill Flores (R-TX) – [H.R. 2876](#) – *Fairness for America's Heroes Act of 2013*** – Exempts veterans from the minimum essential coverage (individual mandate) provisions of Obamacare for one year.

**Rep. Reid Ribble (R-WI) – [H.R. 2894](#) – *No Health Care for Life for Congress Act of 2013*** – Discontinues eligibility for former Members of Congress and their dependents for coverage under the Federal Employer Benefit Program if Obamacare is repealed.

**Rep. Paul Broun (R-GA) – [H.R. 2900](#) – *Offering Patients True Individualized Options Now Act*** - Fully repeals Obamacare and replaces it with fundamental health care reforms. The bill would, among other things, provide full deductibility for all health care expenses, increase contribution limits and implement reforms to HSAs, move Medicare to a premium assistance program, and allows consumers to purchase health insurance across state lines. The bill also incorporates language from an RSC Health Care Initiative, the State Health Flexibility Act ([H.R. 567 in the 113<sup>th</sup>](#), [H.R. 4160 in the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress](#)), which block grants Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) to the states.

**Rep. Kevin Brady (R-TX) – [H.R. 2925](#) – *Strengthening Medicare Anti-Fraud Measures Act of 2013*** – Bans executives from participating in Medicare after their companies have been convicted of fraud to ensure an executive does not move from company to company in an effort to defraud Medicare.

**Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-FL) – [H.R. 2927](#) – *No Taxation Without Verification Act*** – Prevents the implementation of tax and fee provisions in Obamacare until the Secretary of the Treasury certifies that reporting requirements relating to employer status, income levels, and health care status can be made without fraud.

**Rep. Lynn Jenkins (R-KS) – [H.R. 2938](#) – *Exchange Sunset Act*** – Rescinds the application of Obamacare Exchange requirements and the individual mandate if the American Health Benefit Exchanges are not operating and ready to enroll customers by October 1, 2013.

**Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-CO) – [H.R. 2943](#) – *Schoolchildren's Health Protection Act*** – Prohibits federal education funding to state or local educational agencies that **a.)** provide or permit the distribution of emergency contraception on the premises of elementary or secondary schools; or **b.)** contract with a school-based health center that does not agree to deny students emergency contraception.

**Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA) – [H.R. 2949](#)** – Delays Medicaid expansion provisions of Obamacare for one year.

**Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA) – [H.R. 2950](#)** – Delays Obamacare’s individual mandate for individuals under the age of 27.

**Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA) – [H.R. 2951](#)** – Conditions the implementation of Obamacare’s premium tax credits, cost-sharing reductions, and Navigator program funding and exchange enrollment on the certification of an asset verification process.

**Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA) – [H.R. 2980](#)** – Requires certification of an asset verification process before funds may be awarded for operation of the Navigator program under Obamacare enrollment.

**Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-UT) – [H.R. 2985](#)** – Amends section 5050 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide incentives for the development of new combination drugs.

**Rep. Pete Olson (R-TX) – [H.R. 2993](#)** – Requires States to report information on Medicaid payments to abortion providers.

**Rep. Tom Reed (R-NY) – [H.R. 2995](#)** – Amends Obamacare to eliminate the limitation on deductibles for employer-sponsored health plans.

**Rep. Michael Burgess (R-TX) – [H.R. 3005](#)** – Amends Chapter V of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to permit the sale of and access to “research use only” products in diagnostic tests.

**Rep. Robert Wittman (R-VA) – [H.R. 3062](#)** – Requires assurances that family planning service projects and programs will provide pamphlets containing the contact information of adoption centers.

**Rep. Tom Cotton (R-AR) – [H.R. 3066](#) – *No Special Deal for D.C. Insiders Act of 2013*** –Amends Obamacare with respect to Section 1312, which limits Members of Congress and congressional staff to health plans created or offered through an Exchange established under such act. This provision was the subject of recently proposed [OPM rule 3206-AM85](#), which attempted to determine what officially constitutes “congressional staff.” This bill goes further by unambiguously applying conditions under Section 1312 to include the Leadership offices of the House of Representatives, the Leadership offices of the Senate, and employees of any committee of Congress. Additionally the bill inserts language which prohibits Federal funds from being used to pay or contribute to the payment of premiums of health plans purchased by Members of Congress or by congressional staff.

**Rep. Phil Gingrey (R-GA) – [H.R. 3071](#) – *No Special Treatment for Congress Act*** – Prohibits any government contribution toward the health benefits obtained by a Member of Congress or congressional staff.

**Rep. Ron DeSantis (R-FL) – [H.R. 3076](#) – *James Madison Congressional Accountability Act*** – Extends the requirements under Section 1312 of Obamacare to the President, Vice President,

executive branch political appointees, and employees of congressional committees and leadership offices of Congress. The bill additionally prohibits any government contribution to or subsidy for health insurance coverage of such officials and employees.

**Rep. Diane Black (R-TN) – [H.R. 3093](#) – *Union Bailout Prevention Act*** – Prohibits premium tax credits and reductions in cost-sharing from being distributed to individuals whose health coverage is provided as a result of a collective bargaining agreement. The term “qualified health plan” as defined under 1301(a) of Obamacare shall not apply to insurance coverage provided as a result of a collective bargaining agreement. According to [CRS](#), such multiemployer health plans would not qualify for a premium tax credit. However, according to [reports](#), labor union leaders want those subsidies to apply to their employer-sponsored coverage.

**Rep. Jack Kingston (R-GA) – [H.R. 3104](#)** – Until Obamacare is repealed, prohibits Members of Congress, employees of Congress, the President, Vice-President, any employee of the Executive Office of the President, and any other civilian Federal worker from receiving Federally funded health care premium subsidies. This restriction does not apply to the provision of Medicaid, Medicare, TRICARE, or Hospital, Nursing Home, Domiciliary, and Medical Care.

**Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI) – [H.Con.Res.25](#)** – This resolution is the House-passed fiscal year 2014 budget. It calls for a repeal of Obamacare and significant changes to federal health care entitlements described [here](#). The budget passed the House by a vote of [221-207](#).

**Rep. Rob Woodall (R-GA) – [H.Amdt.35 to H.Con.Res.25](#) – *Republican Study Committee Fiscal Year 2014 Budget*** – This budget amendment in the nature of a substitute calls for repeal of Obamacare and significant changes to federal health care entitlements described [here](#).

**Rep. Scott Garrett (R-NJ) – [H.Con.Res.45](#)** – Expresses the sense of Congress that President Barack Obama has violated section 3 of article II of the Constitution by refusing to enforce the employer mandate provisions of the Obamacare.

**Rep. Trent Franks (R-AZ) – [H.Res.153](#)** – Expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2009 violates article I, section 7, clause 1 of the United States Constitution because it was a "Bill for raising Revenue" that did not originate in the House of Representatives.

**Rep. Stephen Fincher (R-TN) – [H.Res.206](#)** – Expresses the sense that Congress and the States should investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices.

**Rep. Tom Price (R-GA) – [H.Res.207](#)** – Expresses support for designation of October 6, 2013, through October 10, 2013, as "American College of Surgeons Days" and recognizing the 100th anniversary of the founding of the organization.

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